

KDFWR/KyNASP® Official Statement on 2020 KyNASP® State Tournament

In response to concerns about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), we wanted to make you aware of numerous health precautions being taken to protect participants in the 2020 Kentucky National Archery in the Schools (NASP®) State Tournament scheduled March 13-14th in Louisville, and others attending the event.

The Kentucky Exposition Center, which is hosting the tournament, has implemented the following measures:

- Thorough cleaning of facilities with cleaning products capable of combating the coronavirus and other diseases
- Hand sanitizer available throughout the buildings in high-traffic areas
- Signs listing guidelines and health recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) posted throughout the venue

In addition to these precautionary measures, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, sponsor of the school archery tournament, will provide additional hand sanitization areas at the registration and admission booths. Before each flight, announcers will emphasize steps the public can take to prevent the spread of the virus.

Student archers at the beginning of each flight will be reminded to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Tournament staff will also recommend to participants and visitors:

- Use hand sanitizer before and after each flight to help prevent the spread of disease via community-use pencils, scoreboards and quivers
- Refrain from handshakes or high fives
- Not touch eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your mouth when coughing with the inside of your elbow
- Use tissues one time and then dispose
- Avoid touching doors and handles with bare hands
- Practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from other people while not on the shooting line

People over the age of 60, or people with underlying medical conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, kidney failure, or other chronic major medical conditions, should avoid the tournament. People who feel sick should avoid the tournament as well.

Teams whose school systems have imposed a ban on school functions or events will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. Parents or guardians may choose to withhold a child from the tournament.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Kentucky National Archery in the Schools (NASP®) are working with the National NASP® program on a national qualifying procedure for those that cannot attend the state tournament to advance to the National NASP® Tournament in May 2020.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and KyNASP® are committed to prioritizing the health and safety of participants and their families.

State agencies continue to monitor the developments of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and are receiving updates from Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, his office and officials with the state's Cabinet for Health and Family Services and Department for Public Health. Kentucky's state health officials are working closely with the CDC and local health providers to coordinate COVID-19 response efforts.

For the latest information on COVID-19 in Kentucky, including guidance, updates and frequently asked questions, please visit the website of the Kentucky Department for Public Health at kycovid19.ky.gov.

People who believe they have the virus and need guidance on steps to take can call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-722-5725.

For more information about steps being taken at the tournament facilities, please visit the Kentucky Exposition Center website at kyexpo.org/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/.